

I promote maintaining the 5 WPM code requirement for the Extra Class license. Although considered primitive by some, and outdated by others, I have proven through actual experience that during emergency operations under difficult band conditions, CW is the ONLY mode of choice and of course for communication to be conferred there must be a sender and a receiver. Had not the Amateur on the other end of my communication been able to receive my transmission the emergency traffic would not have been able to have been passed. While PSK32 and other digital modes can be effective over CW they also require significantly more complex equipment and require greater power requirements. Therefore, I believe maintaining a minimal standard of proficiency is warranted for the most seasoned operators, the Extra Class licensees.

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